

Torrance, California  
November 9, 1948

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, November 9, 1948, at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: None.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Jackson moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 26, 1948 be approved as written. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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A communication from Max Unterberg, 823 Gardena Blvd., Gardena, California, was read asking permission to rent the Civic Auditorium two nights a week for the purpose of holding boxing and wrestling matches; nights of the events to be set by the State Athletic Commission and the building manager.

Councilman Powell moved that the request be denied, for the reason that if granted, the various Torrance groups now using the Auditorium would be denied its use. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Bernard G. Feldman, 927 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, was read requesting that he be granted a business license for junk collector in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Haggard moved that action on Mr. Feldman's application be deferred until the Council has had an opportunity to discuss the matter with the applicant. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Severin Motors, 630 American Avenue, Long Beach, signed by C. H. Junge, Vice-President, was read stating that they desire to start a New and Used Car Lot on Lots 25 and 26, Block 3, Torrance Tract, said lots being located at 1502 and 1428 Cabrillo Avenue.

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. C. H. Junge, having complied with all the business license requirements, be granted permission to conduct the business of a New and Used Car Lot at the location stated. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. Mayor Sherfey announced that this is the time and place for hearings on the following:

Case No. 143 Appeal of Arthur C. King from the decision of the City Planning Commission which denied his Petition for a Variance.

Final action to dispose of and convey a parcel of land described as the northerly 12' of Lot 15, Tract 454, as declared in Resolution of Intention No. 1937.

Case No. 143, Appeal of Arthur C. King from the decision of the Planning Commission which denied his petition for a Variance to permit the construction and operation of a Trailer Camp on Lot 12, Tract 845, located on 233rd Street, between Eshelman and Narbonne Avenues; said property being located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, which does not permit such use.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. King urging the Council to reconsider the decision of the Planning Commission, which denied his application for a Trailer Camp because of the proximity of oil wells. The writer declared that the oil wells are not close to his lot and will not constitute a hazard to the occupants of the trailer camp, and that he had discussed his intentions with his neighbors who expressed themselves as being favorable to the project. He promised that the camp will cater to the better class of tenants, be conducted in an orderly manner, and will be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

City Engineer Stevens read a protest from Floyd E. and Mabel A. Clark, owners of two acres of land on 238th and Eshelman Streets.

A communication was also read from the California Southern Oil Company protesting the rezoning of the property for a trailer camp for the reason that the location would be hazardous to small children due to existing activity in the oil fields.

City Engineer Stevens explained that he had other communications which are substantially the same except that each describe different pieces of property.

There was some discussion regarding the exact location of the proposed trailer camp.

Mayor Sherfey called for oral protests, there being none, he inquired of Mr. King if he had anything further to say.

Mr. King declared that the people in that area were aware of his intention of putting in a trailer camp and had the right to protest if they so desired, but no one expressed any disapproval. He asked the Council to grant his application and he guaranteed to maintain a camp which will be a credit to the community.

There being no further questions, City Engineer Stevens read the decision of the Planning Commission which denied the application because the property in question is located near oil wells.

After further discussion on the matter, Councilman Powell moved that action on the case be withheld until the next Regular Meeting on November 23, 1948, in order that the Council and the Planning Commission may have an opportunity to inspect the site for the proposed trailer camp. Councilman Dralle seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced that the City Council will now take final action to dispose of and convey a parcel of land described as the Northerly twelve feet of Lot 15, Tract No. 454, as declared in Resolution of Intention No. 1937.

Attorney Smith advised that the law does not require a hearing in disposing of this land, as it is entirely different from a Variance or Change of Zone; therefore, this action is being taken under State Law rather than a City Ordinance.

Mayor Sherfey called for oral discussions, there being none, Mr. Stanger, Manager, Water Department, informed the Council that Mr. Quandt was the only one who submitted a bid.

Councilman Powell moved that the property described in Resolution of Intention No. 1937 be sold to Mr. Quandt. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Dralle, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication from City Engineer Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Donald M. Minor, having successfully passed the Civil Service Examinations, be appointed to serve his probationary term as Fireman, effective November 19, 1948, at a compensation of \$242.00 per month.
2. That Carl Slackman be temporarily employed, on a part-time basis, as Watchman for the Ball Park, effective November 15, 1948, at a compensation of \$1.00 per hour.
3. That the Stenographic Clerks for the City Council, Civil Service and Planning Commission be compensated, at the rate of \$7.50 for each evening meeting, for taking and transcribing the minutes of the meeting, effective this date.
4. That Robert Faren be temporarily appointed as a Truck Driver, effective November 1, 1948, at a compensation of \$231.00 per month.
5. That all City Employees be required to sign a loyalty oath, in keeping with the policy of the Federal, State and County Governments.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of tires for City equipment, the sum of \$1,950.00 plus tax.
2. For the purchase of turn-out suits and helmets for the Fire Department, the sum of \$292.50 plus tax.
3. For the purchase of Power Broom Filling Machine, together with 1200 pounds of hickory fibre and 500 pounds of steel fibre, the sum of \$692.50 plus tax.
4. For the purchase of 76" Power Mower, the sum of \$909.00 plus tax.
5. To the Warren Southwest Paving Company, the sum of \$10,793.41 for paving Sartori Avenue from Dominguez Street to Cabrillo Avenue.
  - (a) \$5,207.57 from County Gas Tax Funds.
  - (b) \$5,585.64 from Public Improvement Funds.
6. To the Torrance Area Youth Bands for promotion of music in the City of Torrance during the month of October, 1948, the sum of \$300.00.
7. To the Barrington Welding and Machine Works for brazing ornamental lamp post, the sum of \$51.75.
8. For addition to the Walteria Fire Station, a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 (from Public Works Fund)
9. For the payment of rental fees for films used during Summer Recreation Program, the sum of \$57.41.
10. For the purchase of heavy-duty battery for Fire Engine, the sum of \$91.26 plus tax.

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BIDS:

That authorization be made for obtaining bids on the following:

1. For the management of the Torrance Municipal Airport.
2. For resurfacing Border Avenue and Via Monte D'Oro.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the City Attorney be authorized to investigate and report on the possibilities of forming a City-wide Water District.
2. That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare an ordinance covering a street parking plan as follows:
  - A. Business District:
    1. One-Hour Parking:
      - a. El Prado Ave. between Cravens and Border Aves.
      - b. Marcelina between Cravens and Cabrillo Aves.
      - c. Gramercy Ave. between Cravens and Cabrillo Aves.
      - d. Sartori Ave. between Torrance Blvd. and Cabrillo.
    2. Two-Hour Parking:
      - a. Cravens Ave. between Torrance Blvd. and Cabrillo.
      - b. Post Ave. between Cravens and Torrance Blvd.
      - c. The south and west sides of Cabrillo Ave., Border Ave. and Torrance Blvd. between Marcelina Ave. and Post Ave.
  - B. School District:
 

Two-Hour Parking:

    - a. North side of Carson Street between Post Ave. and Manuel Avenue.
3. That the City Attorney be authorized to prepare a new ordinance covering business license fees and regulations of same.
4. That a fire hydrant be authorized at Post Avenue and Llewellyn Avenue, in accordance with the recommendation of the Fire Chief.
5. That the request of the National Supply Company to remove and dispose of trees on the west side of Carson Street, between Border Avenue and Western Avenue, be granted.
6. That the request of Chester Phillips and Harry Anderson for an extension of the temporary permit to park trailers at 18076 Prairie Avenue be referred to the Building Department, with instructions to check compliance with the original permit and status of buildings at said location.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendations submitted by City Engineer Stevens with the exception of Item No. 2 under "Miscellaneous". Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Smith explained that he had almost completed the execution of a new traffic ordinance and requested that the parking plan recommended by City Engineer Stevens be inculcated in the ordinance referred to, rather than in a new ordinance, and that a motion be made to this effect.

Councilman Jackson moved that the recommendation of City Engineer Stevens covering a street parking plan, Item No. 2, under "Miscellaneous" be referred to the City Attorney to be included in the new traffic ordinance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication from John Patrick, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, was read advising that at a meeting of the Commission held November 3, 1948, the following matters were considered and acted upon:

#### CHANGE OF ZONE

Case No. 142: The second public hearing was held on the petition of Southwest Properties, Inc. for a Change of Zone affecting all of Tract No. 15157, situated on the northwest corner of Crenshaw Boulevard and 174th Street. Petitioner requests that this property be reclassified from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to C-2 (General Commercial) for Lots 12-17, inclusive, of Block 6; R-2 (Two-family Residential) for Lots 18-24, inclusive, Block 6 and Lots 8-15, inclusive, Block 5; R-1 (Single-family Residential) for the balance of the Tract.

This petition was approved and recommended to the City Council by a vote of four to two.

It will be necessary to set a date for the third and final hearing before the City Council. This hearing cannot legally be held before December 14, 1948, in order to comply with the public notice requirements.

Councilman Powell moved that a Public Hearing on the Petition of Southwest Properties, Inc. for a Change of Zone, be held December 14, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

#### ZONING VARIANCES

Case No. 146: Petition of Henry Conze for a Zoning Variance to permit the construction and operation of a Beauty Shop, to be located at 24043 Ocean Avenue, on a portion of Lot 9, of the Meadow Park Tract. This property is located in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone, which does not permit such use.

This Zoning Variance was unanimously approved.

Case No. 147: Petition of Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company and the Santa Fe Railway Company for a Zoning Variance affecting a portion of Lot 8, Tract No. 7873 and a portion of the Santa Fe Railway Company's right-of-way immediately adjacent thereto. The petition requested that this land, now zoned A-1 (Light Agricultural) be used for M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Paint Division.

There were no protests, oral or written, and the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Zoning Variance.

TRACT MAP:

Approval was given the Final Map for Tract No. 15230, presented by John Kettler. This tract is bounded on the north by Lincoln Street, on the west by Border Avenue, on the east by Western Avenue and on the south by 228th Street.

SPECIAL REQUESTS:

The following special requests were considered and approved:

1. Request of J. C. Newton, 706 Elvira Ave., Redondo Beach, for a special set-back of from 5' to 7' on Lot 16, Block L, Tract No. 10302.
2. Request of Edwin J. Champion, 1619 South Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach, for a 5' set-back on Lot 4, Block Q, Tract No. 10300.
3. Request of D. K. Wildasinn, 1043 Santa Cruz Street, San Pedro, to erect a garage 12' X 25', one foot from the S.W. side of Lot 10, Block 16, Walteria Tract.
4. The request of the Hollywood Riviera Community Association that portions in the City of Torrance of Blocks A and B, Tract No. 10300, Hollywood Riviera, be rezoned for business purposes, was held up as a check on the zoning for the entire city is to be made in the near future and this request will be considered at that time.
5. The request of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Severin for permission to divide Lot 25, Block 24, Torrance Tract, to allow the selling of the existing house and the construction of another house, was referred to the City Engineer's Office.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the action of the Planning Commission in approving Final Map for Tract No. 15230 presented by John Kettler. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 435

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE RULES &  
REGULATIONS SUPPLEMENTING PERSONNEL  
ORDINANCE NO. 326.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 435 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 435 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 436

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING A BUS STOP  
ZONE ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PACIFIC  
COAST HIGHWAY AND NEECE AVENUE IN THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE.



Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 436 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 436 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 437

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SUBDIVIDING AND RE-SUBDIVIDING OF LAND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THE PREPARATION AND RECORDING OF MAPS OF SUBDIVISIONS; THE WIDTH OF STREETS AND ALLEYS, THE LENGTH OF BLOCKS AND FRONTAGE OF LOTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS WITHIN SUBDIVISIONS AND RE-SUBDIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR BONDS THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF, WHICH SAID ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, TO ARTICLE 10, BOTH INCLUSIVE, OF THE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS AMENDED, AND THE GENERAL POLICE POWERS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 437 be waived. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 437 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 438

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RELATING TO DISASTERS.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 438 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 438 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

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ORDINANCE NO. 439

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING AND ADOPTING FIELD RULES AND REGULATIONS COVERING OPERATION OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SAID RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES DEFINED AND SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE OTHER THAN DESIGNATED IN THE TITLE HEREOF.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 439 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale moved that Ordinance No. 439 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 440

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE DRILLING OF WELLS FOR, AND THE PRODUCING OF, OIL, GAS AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS WITHIN SAID CITY, AND THE ERECTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, ABANDONMENT AND REMOVAL OF DERRICKS, PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES APPURTENANT TO SUCH WELLS, AND REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN PERMITS BE OBTAINED THEREFOR; GOVERNING AND REGULATING THE STORING, HANDLING AND DISCHARGE OF OIL AND OTHER FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS, AND THE INSTALLATION, USE, MAINTENANCE, ABANDONMENT AND REMOVAL OF SUMPS, RESERVOIRS, PIPING, TANKS AND OTHER STRUCTURES AND FACILITIES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND REQUIRING THAT CERTAIN PERMITS BE OBTAINED THEREFOR; DECLARING CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO BE NUISANCES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF AND FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COSTS OF SUCH ABATEMENT AS CHARGES AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONS AND AS LIENS AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY; IMPOSING CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 440 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 440 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Richard Fenton of the California Stripper Well Association, stated that the independent operators in the City of Torrance, whom he represents, have not seen the new oil ordinance since it has been changed, and asked for an opportunity to review the ordinance as it is now written.

Mr. Fenton explained that there had been two meetings with the City Attorney and Mr. Stevens at which time certain clauses in the ordinance were discussed, but that since that time he had learned that the code has been changed and that neither he nor anyone else has seen it.



Councilman Powell stated that several meetings were held with the oil industry to discuss this ordinance, and as a result of the meetings certain changes were suggested and made, and that this ordinance was given more careful consideration than any other. He recommended that Mr. Fenton see the City Attorney in regard to the ordinance.

Mr. Fenton said there was no opposition to the regulations nor to the fee imposed, but asked, on behalf of the small oil well operators, for an opportunity to circulate the revised ordinance among the industry for the benefit of their opinion.

City Attorney Smith replied that the Chairman of the oil companies' committee had informed him that the ordinance was satisfactory, and he explained that the changes made were ~~not~~ an elimination ~~but~~ an addition to the ordinance. Mr. Smith stated that it is not customary for any legislative body to discuss with any organization whether or not the ordinance which they desire to pass is pleasing to an organization or not, and the Council is a legislative body. It was Mr. Smith's opinion that the ordinance is a good one and is more than fair, and explained that it was patterned after the Long Beach and Signal Hill ordinances which are satisfactory to the people whom it concerns.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 441

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 20 OF ORDINANCE NO. 249, REPEALING SECTION 21 OF SAID ORDINANCE NO. 249 AND SUBSTITUTING SECTION 3 OF THIS ORDINANCE IN THE PLACE AND STEAD OF SECTION 21 AS AFORESAID HEREIN REPEALED.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 441 be dispensed with. Councilman Haggard seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 441 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 442

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE LEGALIZING, RATIFYING, CONFIRMING AND DECLARING VALID AND LEGAL ALL ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION SUBSEQUENT TO THE REPEAL BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OF "THE PLANNING ACT OF 1929".

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 442 be dispensed with. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 442 be adopted for first reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1941

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DEFINING WORDS, TERMS AND PHRASES HEREINAFTER IN THIS RESOLUTION USED AND EMPLOYED AND ORDERING SAID DEFINITIONS AS USED IN THIS RESOLUTION TO BE AND BECOME PERTINENT TO AND AS A PART OF ORDINANCE NO. 440 WITH THE SAME EFFECT AND TO THE SAME INTENT AND PURPOSE AS IF THE SAID DEFINITIONS HEREIN CONTAINED WERE INCULCATED AND SET FORTH IN VERBATIM IN SAID ORDINANCE NO. 440.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1941 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Smith read a copy of a letter from the Santa Fe Railway Company written to Deputy District Attorney Fred N. Wichello, with reference to the Torrance Dust Bowl. The letter stated that on November 1, 1948 the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company commenced seeding this area with California Mustard to produce a quick cover crop, which, together with the uncut weeds, should help to hold the surface of the soil in place. The letter also stated that the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company is purchasing fifteen acres of the land, on which construction will start in the near future, and, therefore, no planting will be undertaken. It is expected that the steps taken will alleviate the dust condition.

Councilman Drale asked City Engineer Stevens if he had completed his survey on the possibility of installing a couple of outside entrance doors into the Auditorium.

Engineer Stevens replied that his department has been working on the estimate, and will have a report to present at the next meeting.

Councilman Powell moved that R. S. Whitcomb be appointed to the Planning Commission until such time as a new Planning Commission is created and becomes effective. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell commented on the confusion and congestion at the established polling places at the November 3rd election, due to the shortage of polling places and method of tallying votes. To alleviate this condition, he suggested that the City Council and City Clerk communicate with the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of working out a plan for the establishment of more polling places and precincts, and a better system of canvassing the ballots.

Mayor Sherfey moved that C. T. Rippy be appointed to the Planning Commission under the same terms and conditions as the appointment of Mr. Whitcomb. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Elder entered a protest to the continued operation of the Santa Fe Railroad on Madrid Avenue. He requested the Council to take immediate action for the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting unnecessary noise by the trains, especially at night; and that any person violating any of the provisions of the ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be required to pay a penalty.

Councilman Drale asked City Attorney Smith if the City can legally prohibit a train from making unnecessary noise, and regulate the speed of travel within the City of Torrance.

City Attorney Smith replied that any freeholder charter city may regulate a railroad within its confines, excepting the regulation of fares.

Councilman Drale moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance regulating the operation of trains within the City of Torrance. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Haggard moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Haggard, Jackson, Powell and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:13 p.m., upon motion of Councilman Haggard, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE